



# McKinney-Vento Act Homeless Youth Protocols

**Overview:** Youth who are homeless, or alternatively housed are protected under the McKinney-Vento (MKV) Act. Alternative housing includes trailers, doubled up housing, hotels, temporary foster care, cars, or shelters. Youth may be considered homeless either with their family or as unaccompanied youth. More information about the McKinney-Vento Act in Oregon education can be found here: <https://www.oregon.gov/ode/schools-and-districts/grants/esea/mckinney-vento/pages/default.aspx>

## Enrollment:

- Homeless youth have the right to immediately enroll in a school
  - Unaccompanied students may complete enrollment paperwork on their own without a guardian signature
  - Students may enroll without any documentation, although we will continue to work with families to gather and share documentation of age, residency and immunizations over time.
  - Once enrolled in PowerSchool, tag this student as MKV in special programs
  - Notify Kirstin from Maslow Project that we have a new MKV qualifying student and provide their contact information to Kirstin.

## Support Services:

- Homeless youth have access to support services through Maslow Project, a local organization that has been contracted to be the McKinney-Vento liaisons for schools in Jackson County. Our part is to connect our student with Kirstin, our school's Maslow liaison.
  - Kirstin Cronin: [kirstin@maslowproject.com](mailto:kirstin@maslowproject.com) 541-200-9403
- All ATI students have access to meals through Phoenix-Talent Schools and can pick up a to-go lunch (that includes a breakfast for the next day) each day 11:15-12:15 at Phoenix Elementary, Talent Elementary, or Orchard Hill Elementary.

## Attendance:

- Unaccompanied students can excuse their own absences for illness or emergency. This applies to students under the age of 18.
- Homeless youth are required to meet immunization requirements, and should be provided with immunizations through our School Based Health Clinic prior to the date of exclusion.
- Notices of non-attendance (as required by law) may go to a student selected advocate.

## Program Participation:

- All student fees are waived for MKV students (tech deposit, student fee, course material fees)
- Structures that typically include a guardian can be completed for unaccompanied youth without a guardian, or with a student selected advocate in the place of a guardian. That advocate does not need parental rights to attend meetings or sign documents (permission slips, enrollment forms, notices of exclusion, etc.)

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